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have caused a negative impact in our community and on our people."

Last Tuesday morning, about 15 members of the Men's Fire entered the GREAT building, and went to the HCCC administrations offices where Detlor was attending a meeting, crashed the meeting and physically removed Detlor from the GREAT building.

When Detlor attempted to return to work Wednesday morning, the Men's Fire surrounded the GREAT building, causing a lockdown and evacuation of the building to protect staff and students there, who said they were afraid of the Men's Fire and felt threatened by their presence around the building.

Around 10 Six Nations Police officers were on scene throughout the day to secure the building while chiefs and

Clanmothers met to discuss the matter.

"It is important that our community be supported mentally, emotionally, physically and spiritually and safety is of major concern for all those involved, along with the health and well-being of our community," the HCCC statement said.

"In reference to Mr. Aaron Detlor, Mr. Detlor is a Mohawk and is a legal advisor to the HCCC. He also has a long-term private practice and rents space in the GREAT building."

The statement continued, "Mr. Detlor remains in his position and on the territory until the chiefs and Clanmothers, the only body with the ability to remove him from his position, decide to do so."

The statement also said: "To be clear, the Cayuga Clan-

mothers did not authorize the actions of the Men's Fire that have taken place here in the past two days and neither would they ever authorize any violent action against our own people. We, the Royaner and Yakoyaner of the HCCC, are asking the Men's Fire to stop their current actions and respect the direction of our traditional leadership. We invite the Men's Fire to the next HCCC on May 7 to discuss their concerns."

The statement said he HCCC asked for patience and understanding as they worked to resolve the issue.

Men's Fire spokesman Bill Monture questioned the number of Clanmothers and chiefs present at Wednesday's meeting and declared the decision illegal because all 50 chiefs and Clanmothers were not present at the

meeting. He said a number of Clanmothers said they were not invited. When asked who the clanmothers were he and Wilf Davey another member of the group mentioned two names, one woman who has denied any involvement and the second who told Turtle Island any comments would come from the longhouse meeting Saturday.

Monture had warned after the HCCC delivered its release "There's a lot of people that are very, very angry. They're talking about coming back tomorrow, 500 strong. And it's about Aaron Detlor. The people are the Confederacy also. You made a decision just among yourselves," he told the dozens of chiefs and Clanmothers present. "You didn't ask the people to meet with you."

He spoke with Six Nations

Police afterward and said the Men's Fire would be back to prevent Detlor from returning to his office.

"This is going to get ugly," he told the crowd that included police, chiefs and Clanmothers. "You're going to have a shitload of people from the community as well. They want his ass gone from the territory. Hire another lawyer, that's all we're saying. I'm only forewarning you guys this is what's coming."

Detlor was not planning to return to the office Thursday. "He's causing a lot of dysfunction in our community," Monture said. "To fix it is to get rid of the problem. Right now he seems to be the problem. The people here in the community are not having their voice heard."

Monture said he would be back on Monday when he heard Detlor would be re-

turning to his office on Monday.

He said according to the Great Law, the chiefs and Clanmothers present were to have come outside to talk to the people.

The Men's Fire returned copies of the statement.

The Six Nations Elected Council released a statement saying they were aware of the incident and are "committed to ensuring a healthy, safe and secure community. Six Nations Elected Council would like to inform the community that they do not condone violence on the Territory at any time.

"The Elected Chief and Council are hopeful that those involved can come to a peaceful resolution, and are confident that the Six Nations Police will continue to uphold public safety until a resolution has been reached."